



Coordinators' Communique

State Health Plan Prevention Partners

December 2004/January 2005

New Worksite Screening Procedures

Beginning January 1, 2005 the Employee Insurance Program Prevention Partners will be expanding the Preventive Worksite Screening Program, which has previously been available only to State Health Plan subscribers. Under the new guidelines, employees and retirees whose primary insurance through the state is one of the following will be eligible to participate in the screening for a \$15 co-payment:

- State Health Plan (Standard Plan)
- State Health Plan (Savings Plan)
- Companion
- Cigna
- MUSC Options

****Spouses and dependents are not eligible****

****Medicare and Tri-care not eligible****

Also as of January 1, 2005, Prevention Partners will no longer verify eligibility for each screening participant, but instead the individual will now be responsible for determining their own eligibility by filling out and signing the Worksite Screening Registration Form. This form will be included in each screening implementation kit and will be distributed by the screening coordinator prior to a screening. Each person must complete this form in order to participate. Individuals wanting to participate will turn this form in to their screening coordinator along with their \$15 co-payment. The coordinator will then assign an appointment time and enter the individual's personal information onto the Participant Information Form.

One week prior to a screening, the worksite is required to fax the provider and Prevention Partners their Appointment Sheets and Participant Information Forms.

At the completion of a screening, the screening coordinator will give the provider each person's \$15 co-payment and each person's Worksite Screening Registration Form. Individuals participating in the screening will receive their results within two weeks.

Should an individual have the screening and it turns out they were not eligible, the individual will be billed the balance due by the provider.

Worksite Screening Request Form

Enclosed in this month's mailout is a copy of our Worksite Screening Request Form. If you're ready to set up your screening for 2005, simply print out the form, fill it out completely, and fax it in to us. And if you're one of our smaller worksites that has always had concerns about reaching the 25 participant minimum that most of our providers require, keep in mind that we now have a provider that will go anywhere in the state for a minimum of 15 participants.

Preventive Worksite Regional Screenings

For those who would like to participate in one of our regional screenings, the next two are as follows:

- January 24, 2005 Greenville Roper Mountain Science Center
- February 24, 2005 Charleston to be announced

Registration forms will be available approximately four weeks prior to a screening and can be obtained from our website, www.eip.sc.gov (click on "Prevention Partners" and go to "Early Detection"). For more information or to have a registration form faxed to you, contact Elliott McElveen at (803) 737-0112 or email him at emcelveen@eip.sc.gov.

Chronic Disease Workshops

We have two chronic disease workshops coming up in the near future. Workshops are open to all employees, their dependents and retirees. The workshops currently scheduled are as follows:

- Digestion January 27, 2005 Columbia 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Diabetes January 28, 2005 Rock Hill 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration forms for any of our chronic disease workshops will be available approximately one month prior to the workshop date and can be obtained from our website, www.eip.sc.gov (click on "Prevention Partners" and go to "Disease Management"). For more information, contact Ramsey Makhuli at (803) 737-3823 or email him at rmakhuli@eip.sc.gov.

Comments?

If you have something to say about the programming Prevention Partners offers, then we want to hear from you! And you don't have to wait for us to send you a survey on our Preventive Worksite Screening Program or our Chronic Disease Workshops. If you have anything to say, whether it's positive or negative, just simply email us. Comments about our Chronic Disease Workshops can be sent to Ramsey Makhuli at rmakhuli@eip.sc.gov. Comments about our Preventive Worksite Screening Program can be sent to Elliott McElveen at emcelveen@eip.sc.gov. Remember, the only way we can serve you better is through your feedback.

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